

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA**

Date: March 9, 2004

**JOSÉ M. SANCHEZ**

Chairman

**JOHN F. NELSON**

Clerk of the Board

**RONALD A. CHRISTENSEN**

Vice-Chairman

By: Marian Sheppard  
Chief Deputy Clerk

**CRUZ SALAS**

Member

Gila County Courthouse  
Globe, Arizona

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PRESENT: José M. Sanchez, Chairman; Ronald A. Christensen, Vice-Chairman; Cruz Salas, Member; Steven L. Besich, Deputy County Manager; Daisy Flores, County Attorney; and, Bryan Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chief Deputy County Attorney.

The Gila County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 9:00 a.m. this date. Lionel Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Besich delivered the Invocation.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Christensen, seconded by Supervisor Salas, the Board convened into Executive Session at 9:16 a.m. to obtain legal advice on the following two issues: 1) State Treasurer and out-of-county tuition withholdings, and 2) Gila County's former maintenance yard located in Star Valley/Chaparral Pines.

Upon motion by Supervisor Salas, seconded by Vice-Chairman Christensen, the Board reconvened into the regular meeting at 10:49 a.m. On behalf of the Board, Vice-Chairman Christensen directed the County Attorney to proceed as discussed in the Executive Session.

At this time each Board member presented a brief summary of current events as allowed by A.R.S. §38-431.02(K). No action was taken on any items that were presented.

Chairman Sanchez addressed agenda item number 4, an update of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) projects. He acknowledged the following members of the audience; Brent Brown, Governor Napolitano's Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs; Ingo Radicke, former ADOT Board Chairman and General Manager of Cable One, Inc.; Mary Anne Moreno, Executive Director of the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation; Bill Leester, ADOT Transportation Liaison; and, Dan Adams, citizen of Gila County. At 10:56 a.m., Richard (Rick) L. Powers, ADOT District Engineer, and Mark Guerena, ADOT Southern Region Engineer, provided a Power Point presentation on ADOT's 5 Year Construction Program for fiscal years 2004 through 2008. Mr. Powers advised that ADOT has allocated \$92M to Gila County for its roads improvement projects over the next five years. He advised that Mr. Ingo Radicke completed his term of office as Chairman of the ADOT Board and stated that Mr. Delbert Householder of Thatcher, Arizona, is the current Chairman. Mr. Powers asked Mr. Guerena to provide an overview of the following Globe District projects:

Project Name	Est. Project Cost	Project Schedule	% Complete
SR (State Route) 188 – Resort Road to Devore Wash	\$25.6M	Began - 10/03 End - Summer 2005	22
US 60/70 – McMillen Wash to Junction SR 77	\$3.1M	Began – 1/04 End – 7/04	31

The Board inquired about a proposed railroad overpass expansion project located in Globe. Mr. Powers advised of the importance of this project and stated that it has yet to be approved by ADOT. He encouraged the Board to submit a letter of support to Mr. Householder. Mr. Powers provided an update of the SR 170 and Florence Junction T.I. projects. He advised that ADOT received the Marvin M. Black Award for its Florence Junction T.I. project. Mr. Powers advised that on September 9, 2003, severe heavy rainfall caused approximately \$1M of flood damage to portions of SR 288. Mr. Powers provided an overview of future funded and un-funded projects. He provided

the Board with the following handouts entitled: Globe District 5 Year Construction FY 2004-2008; Globe District Projects to be Programmed 8/2004; and, Globe District Projects to be Scoped 11/2003. **(Copies of the handouts are permanently on file in the Board of Supervisors office.)** Each Board member thanked Mr. Powers and Mr. Guerena for today's presentation and congratulated them on the awards received in their engineering district.

Chairman Sanchez advised the audience that the Senator Hardt Highway dedication ceremony will take place at the entrance of the Cobre Valley Country Club beginning at 1:00 p.m. today.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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José M. Sanchez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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John F. Nelson, County Manager/Clerk